## Grades 3 through 5

# **Historical and Social Sciences Analysis Skills**

The intellectual skills noted below are to be learned through, and applied to, the content standards for grades 3 through 5. They are to be assessed *only in conjunction with* the content standards in grades 3 through 5. *In addition to the standards for grades 3 through 5, students demonstrate the following intellectual, reasoning, reflection, and research skills:* 

#### **CHRONOLOGY AND CAUSE AND EFFECT**

- 1. Students place key events of the historical era they are studying and interpret information contained within time lines and comparative time charts.
- 2. Students know the calendar abbreviations and what they signify (e.g., A.D. and C.E., B.E. and B.C.E., c. and circa).
- Students explain how the present is connected to the past, identifying both similarities and differences between the two, and how some things change over time and some things stay the same.
- 4. Students summarize the key events of the era they are studying and explain the historical contexts of those events.
- 5. Students distinguish cause from effect and identify and interpret the multiple causes and effects of historical events.
- 6. Students conduct cost-benefit analyses of historical and current events.

### **GEOGRAPHIC SKILLS**

- 1. Students use map and globe skills to determine the absolute locations (latitude and longitude) of places, and they interpret information available through a map or globe's legend, scale, and symbolic representations.
- 2. Students define common map and globe terms, including continent, country, mountain, valley, ocean, sea, lake, river; cardinal directions, latitude, longitude, north pole, south pole, tropics of Cancer and Capricom, equator, 360-degree divisions, time zones; elevation, depth, approximate distances in miles, isthmus, strait, peninsula, island, archipelago, 23-and-a-half-degree global tilt, fall line; and compass rose, scale, and legend.
- 3. Students judge the significance of the relative location of a place (e.g., proximity to a harbor, on trade routes), and they analyze how relative advantages or disadvantages can change over time.
- 4. Students identify the human and physical characteristics of the places they are studying, and they explain how those features form the unique character of those places.
- 5. Students explain the distributions of cultures in places they study and how they create a cultural landscape.
- 6. Students describe the factors that influence the location, distribution, and interrelationships of economic activities in different regions.
- 7. Students trace how changes in technology, transportation, communication, and resources affect the location of economic activities.
- 8. Students explain the causes and effects of settlement patterns, including the effect of rural-to-urban migrations.
- 9. Students identify and explain the process of conflict and cooperation (political, economic, religious, etc.) among people in the contemporary world at local, regional, and national levels.

### HISTORICAL RESEARCH, EVIDENCE, AND POINT OF VIEW

- 1. Students analyze societies in terms of the following themes: military, political, economic, social, religious, and intellectual.
- 2. Students differentiate between primary and secondary sources and know examples of each.
- 3. Students pose relevant questions about events they encounter in historical documents, eyewitness accounts, oral histories, letters, diaries, artifacts, photographs, maps, artworks, and architecture.
- 4. Students use nontext primary and secondary sources, such as maps, charts, graphs, photographs, works of art, and technical charts.

(G) = geography

(E) = economics

(P) = politics and government

(R) = religious thought and ideas

(S) = social impact of events

(M) = military action

(I) = intellectual thought